A reliable source has advised of the following matters having been discussed between Ambassador Sergueev and Foreign Minister Molotov during their recent conference in New York. The information is stated to have been obtained from one of the Secretaries of the Soviet Embassy here.

1. The intensification of a pro-Soviet propaganda campaign in the Spanish language in Latin America. Emphasis is to be placed on material reflecting favorably on the progress of literature, art, science, etc., in the Soviet Union, rather than on political matters. Further information regarding the plans of the Soviet Embassy to purchase or found a publishing company was given in a memorandum which I sent to you on January 2.

2. Sr. Sergueev was stated to have reported that he is not finding it very difficult to play off the personal ambitions within the Argentine Government against the opposing forces, and that he is also finding it a simple matter to utilize the rivalry between the Argentine Government and that of the United States.

3. The Soviet Government plans to increase the violence of its fight against the supposed imperialism of the United States in all South American countries, and Sergueev was stated to have been instructed to remain constantly on the alert for examples which could be used to provoke discontent with and distrust of the policies of the United States in Latin America.

4. The position of the Communist Parties of Latin America was said to have been considered in great detail and the Soviet officials are stated to have agreed that the South American Communists have been of considerably more assistance than they were originally expected to be. The leaders of the South American Communist Parties were
stated to have been found much more docile than had been contemplalted and the Soviet Government is reported to have been pleasantly surprised at not encountering the displays of Latin temperament which it had been led to expect would take place.

5. The Soviet officials are stated to be awaiting the results of Ambassador Messersmith's conversations with Secretary of State Byrnes with considerable eagerness so that Soviet policy can be adapted to the changes in the political tactics which they expect will result from the aforementioned conversations.